

ALASKA SHIELD EXERCISE SERIES 2012

SCOPE OF PLAY AGREEMENT

Purpose: This Scope of Play Agreement (SPA) serves as a commitment to participate in the exercise portion of the Alaska Shield Exercise Series and to assist in determining potential funding necessary for participation.

Exercise Parameters: The Alaska Shield 2012 Exercise will include an extreme cold weather scenario with associated effects. Specifically, the exercise is designed to examine local, state, tribal, private, non-governmental, and federal response plans and EOC operations to a prolonged extreme cold weather event. The exercise is guided by the following overarching objectives: Validating Interoperable Communication, Information Sharing and Dissemination, Emergency Public Information & Warning, and Emergency Operations Center Management. The tentative window for exercise play is set for February 7-18, 2012.

Ground Rules for Participation: The Alaska Shield 2012 Exercise will involve numerous communities and jurisdictions in multiple regions, a host of state and federal agencies, tribes, private sector partners and others. Organizing an exercise of this scale requires close coordination. As much as possible, exercise design will be done at the local level. The Alaska Shield 2012 Planning Team will support local design efforts by coordinating regional exercise design issues with the appropriate state, tribal, private, non-governmental, and federal agencies where appropriate. All communities and agencies participating in the Exercise agree to designate a representative to participate on the Planning Team.

These guidelines for exercise participation are intended to define areas of responsibility, clarify the scope of the exercise and define expectations. In this document, the term “communities” refers to cities, boroughs, tribes, and districts and associated local emergency management and other departments, while “agencies” refers to Alaska state agencies with responsibilities under the State’s Emergency Operations Plan and federal agencies with responsibilities under the NRF. Additional guidelines for state and federal agency exercise participation will be promulgated by the Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

Intent to Participate: All communities and state and federal agencies interested in participating in the Alaska Shield 2012 Exercise must acknowledge their desire to participate by signing the Scope of Play Agreement prior to April 4, 2011.

- Exercise design will be guided by the standards and concepts of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).



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- Participating communities and agencies must each designate one exercise representative who will act as the point of contact for exercise design and related communications with other exercise design teams.
- Participating communities and agencies are responsible for local exercise design and coordination to include: local inject development, arranging for controllers and evaluators, coordinating exercise design with neighboring communities and agencies as needed, attending exercise planning meetings as required, and completing all required exercise documents (i.e., local exercise plan, local Master Scenario Events List and other documents as needed).
- All participating communities and agencies are expected to follow the Master Scenario Events List (MSEL) created by the Exercise Planning Team.

Signature of Authorized Representative:

The undersigned agrees to participate in the Alaska Shield 2012 Exercise and abide by the exercise participation guidelines outlined above.

Name and Title of Community or Agency Senior Representative

Signature

Date

Community and/or Agency Exercise Point-of-Contact:

POC for Exercise Planning (name): _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please Return To: Ms. Kathy Cavyell, by April 4, 2011.

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